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ORCH: THEME - FADE FOR --

WILCOX: The makers of Johnson Wax products for home and industry, present Fibber McGee and Molly, written by Don Quinn and Phil Leslie, with music by the King's Men and Billy Mills Orchestra!
ORCH: MMAKE WAY FOR TOMORROW" - FADE FOR --

WIL: WHRN MRS. MOGEE, OF 79 WISTFUL VISTA, GORS SHOPPING, IT'S APT TO BE A VERY EXPENSIVE DAY. NOT BECAUSE SHE BUYS SO MUCH, BUT WHEN A HUSBAND LIKE HERS HAS THE FREE RUN OF THE HOUSE, ALMOST ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN. AND HERE, COMING HOME FROM HER MORNING'S MARKETING, ARNS FULL OF BUNDLES AND HEART FUCL OF APPRBHENSION, WE FIND MOLIT, of ---
--- FIBBER MOGRE AND MOLLY:!

## APPLAUSE:

SOUND: FOOTSTEPS ON SIDEWALK (Three-inch Heels)
MOL: (TO HERSELF) Well, I wonder what McGee's been doing while IVe been, I'm afraid.
SOUND: FOOTSTEPS UP ON PORCH:
MOL: It would be just like the rascal to take the plano apart to get a G-string for his mandolin.
DOOR OPEN: CLOSE:
SOUND: A WET SLAPPING:
MOL: He must be getting a massage. OH MCGEE: : MCGEE, darling... I'M HONE:
SOUND: MORE WET SLAPPING:
MOL: What in the name of --- MOGEE! !! WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU DOING?
FIB: (SLIGHTLY OFF) GO AWAY, SIS. WHATEVER YOU'RE SELLING, WE DON'T WANT ANY TODAY. COME BACK SOMEYIME WHEN MI WIFE IS HERE.
SOUND: FAST SLAPPTNG:

MOL: MCGee...sweetheart. .. remember me? I'M YOUR WIFR
FIB: Glad to meet you, sis. Now sit down and be quiet. When my wife comes home, she'll... (PAUSE) EH? OH, HIYAH, MOLLY. YOU HOME?
MOL: WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? WHAT'S THAT PILE OF MUD ON THE PIANO STOOL?
FIB: My dear girl....that is modelling clay. Have you led such a sheltered life... so remote from artistic circles that you fail to recognize a sculptor at work?

MOL Oh, I KNEW I should have taken you with me, or stayed home myself. WHAT'S THAT THING ON YOUR HEAD?
FIB: This, my dear, is a beret. All us artists wear berets. Keeps our hair out of the paint, if we're painters; or out of the soulp, if we're sculptors. And we are.
MOL: Oh, we are?
FIB: Yep, I've entered a sculpture contest. Wistful Vista Art Centre. First prize, a hundred bucks. And I can use a hundred bucks like Hermann Goering could use a fast plane to Patagonia.

MOL: But you've never had any training in sculpture.
PIB: NEITHER DID VICTOR HUGO. BUT HE WAS A SUCCESS, WASN'T HE? MOL: VICTOR HUGO WAS NOT A SCULPTOR.

Neither am I. So I start even-steven with Victor Hugo. Now, if you'll excuse me, my dear ... (SLAPPING SOUND) I say. . . . McGee.
FIB: Please, Molly. When a creative artist is at work, one must never...NEVER intrude with commonplace things. You have broken my mood.
MOL: I'll break your... (Now, Molly...control yourself...he's just a boy, at heart). Where did you get that Mother Hubbard effect you're wearing, dearie?
FIB: This is a smock. Borrowed it from a guy at the filling station.
MOL: I see. Then the message on the back of it is an advertisement, and not a character reading.

What's it say?
"TIPES QUICKLY".
Oh, it used to say Tires Quickly Repaired. It's an old pre-war smock. Now lemme see.....(STAPPING CLAY.)... a little more height to the forehead..... (SLAPS) ... PLEASE, MY DEAR!... DON'T COME BETWEEN NE.AND THE MIRROR. Oh this is too much: DO YOU ADMIRE YOURSELF SO MUCH IN THAT SMOCK AND BERET THAT YOU HAVE TO STRUT IN FRONT OF
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making a clay model of my own head and shoulders. I am calling it, "SELF PORTRATT OF A COMMON MAN". Now lemme see.. would you say I was about three inches between the eyeballs?

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MOL: Open or shut?
FIB: They're the same distance apart open or shut, aren't they?
MOL: I don't know. When they're shut, I can't see them.
FIB: Well, never mind. Illl use the tape measure and ..-
DOOR CHIME:
MOL: COME IN&
DOOR OPEN: CLOSE:
MOL: Oh, He110; Doctor Gamblei
DOC: Hello, Molly. Whots the littie goblin in the almost white
    nightie and the beret? He looks like Michaelangelols
    grandmother.
FIB: No one expects a' lowbrow like you, Arrowsmith, to appreciate
    anything more artistic than a souvenir leather watchfob
    from Niagara Falls, Arrowsmith.
MOL: Do you know what he's doing with that clay, Doctor? He's
    making a bust of himself.
DOC: (PAUSE) Well, I don't think I can add anything to that
    remark, my dear. That lcaves him as wide open as a dropped
    watermelon.
FIB: I'm calling it "SELF PORTRAIT OF A COMMON MAN".
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DOC: And a very apt title it is, too, my boy. If a commoner man than you exists today in this weary world, i have been lucky enough not to meet him . |

## MOL: Isn't that nicel

FIB: You're not just sayin' that because you admire me, are you? Incidentally-- how do you like my sculpture as far as I've gone, Doc?

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DOC: Speaking professionally, and as a snap diagnosis, Itd say the model for that sculpture had an incipient cirrhosis, a chronic malfunction of the spleen, undetected adenoids, and a weakness for cheap cigars. The Prosecution rests, FIB: मook, Jack the Ripper, Art Critic, Anpows, you are a fat-headed old tissue

- slicer, and you probably think anybody with an etching is Just allergic to sea food. After all, this is NOT a finished work, Doctor. It is Just a hunk of common clay.
MOL: Aren't we alls

Tell me, Termite, just what do you plan to do with this wrung-out blob of river-bottom after you get tired of teasing it? Convert it into a housing project for homeless earthworms, or bake yourself a batch of marbles - of which you could use a few?

Ignoring your crude aittempts at humor, Doctor, I am
entering this sculpture in the Wistful Vista Art Competition OH, NO:
Yes indeed, Doctor. He's going to win the first prize of One Hundred Dollars.....he keeps telling himself.
He would. He's as self-centered as a Yogi contemplating his belt buckle. LOOK, CELIINI...take the advice of the family physician and throw that muck out the window. Then go take a long walk. Go bowling...go skating...no, don't go skating. Your ankles would fold up like a street map of Pittsburgh.
IS THAT SOI:
He used to play hockey, Doctor, for the Peoria BULLFROGS. And very well, too. Golly, what a goalie! "

DOC: HE? PLAYED HOCKEY?
FIB: YES, I! PLAYED HOCKEY: AND I GOT OLD MAN SKINNEMER TO DONATE THE RINK, TOO: (PAUSE) SKINNEMERINK MCGEE, I WAS KNOWED AS IN THEM DAYS:
MOL: Oh dear ...
FIB: - SKINNEMERINK MCGEE - THE SLYEST, SLASHINEST SKATER THAT EVER SLID SIDEWAYS TO SHOOT A SHARP SHOT THROUGH CENTER OR SLAP A SPECTATOR SILLY WITH A SLICK STICK...
SETTIN' THE STANDS TO SCREAMIN' AS I SLAM IN THE SCORE THAT SEWS UP THE SERIES

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SECOND SPOT

## SOUND: SLAPPING CLAY:

FIB: Now lemme see....a little more on the left shoulder...
(SLAP SLAP) That's it..... (SINGS) "I'm a dreamer, Montreal" ... (SLAP SLAP) HEY MOLLY...HOW'S IT LOOK NOW? How are the ears? Too far forward?
MOL: I can't tell. Why don't you stick lem on with a hairpin till you step back and sqe how they look?
FIB: Say, that aln't a bad ide ..-

MOL: NO, LET ME DO IT: I've wanted to pin your ears back for a long time. Here's a couple of bobby pins and -

more fingers pointed at it than a tray of French Pastry. (LAUGHS)' Get it, Molly? I says our doorbell gets more --
MOL: TAINT FUNNY, MCGEE:
FIB: okay.. COME INy aughow.
DOOR OPEN
VIRG: Mr. McGee?
FIB: Yes?
VIRG: We're taking a poll. Do you mind?
FIB: Not at all, sis. Glad to help you.
VIRG: Thank you. Good day:
MOL: WAIT A MINUTE, MISS. . .WHAT POLL IS THIS?
VIRG: The one that holds your clothesline up. We just moved in next door.

## DOOR SLAM:

MOL: WELL, THE NERVE OF SOME PEOPLE: :! THOSE NEW NEIGHBORS. . .
FIB: I can't be bothered with them now, Baby. Time's getting short on this sculpture contest....gotta get busy.
(SLAP SLAP) HOW'M I GEITIN' THE MOUTH? IS THAT SMILE RIGHI?

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FIB: Sit down and be quiet, my boy. I must work fast...don't want to lose the North light, you know. (SLAP SLAP)

## WIL:

MOL
WIL: Like mentioning thumb prints. You know how I feel about thumbprints and fingerprints...especially on furniture and woodwork. They're so UNNECESSARY, with Johnson's Wax so available. BY THE WLY...I'm going to Canada tomorrow, for a few days
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Business trip, Waxey? I'll give you a note to an old friend of mine. Hiram Walker. Raises birds.
What kind of birds

WIL:

Well, I'm going to visit the Johnson Wax plant in Brantford,
Ontario. My cousin, Big Sedgewick Wilcox, is helping with
Canada's Ninth Victory Loan



WIL: That's the slogan they're using.

FIB: (SHARPLY) HOW CLN THEY? I JUST NOW THOUGHT IT UP. Oh well..
you tell 'em to go ahead and use it. It's okay with me.

MOL:
WIL: You're SwEET, McGee. And that's a good slogan, Mr. Wulcox. Yes, it means that when you buy a bond you help guarantee a sound and lasting peace. You're making a promise to help pay the costs of bringing the fighting forces home, rehabilitating and maintaining the wounded, provide essential aid to liberated countries and build a personal stake at home. One of the greatest expenses of a war is the peace that follows, you know. You've got to get your country off its planes and ships and tanks, and jeeps, and put it on its feet again. Besides that -
iky me oile FIB: PLEASE, MLC: : YOU'RE IN MY LIGHT AND I GOTTA: HURRY WITH THIS SCULPTURE.



CARAT 1 NO, I really....WELI, IF YOU INSIST. YOU DO INSIST, DON'T YOU?
MOL: Oh we do indeed, Mrs. Carstairs. Shat are you going to play?
CARSB. With a bagpipe, Mrs. McGee, one does not PLAN to play anything. $V$ one takes what comes out.
FIB: Kind of a musical punch board, oh?
CARST. However, I shall endeavor to render a little song composed
by my husband entitled, NTHE DRUNMER CAN ALWAYS BEAT IT, BUT THE PIPER'S LEFT HOLDING THE BAG. " $\sqrt{ }$ Are we ready?
MOL: GO ahead, Mrs. Carstairs.
FIB: I'm all ears.
CARST Quite:
BAGPIPE: SHORT NUMBER. . . END WITH WHEEZE.
MOL: Why Millicent...that was BEAUTIFUL: Thank you.
FIB: That was the shortest bagpipe number $I$ ever heard by a player in the longest kilt I ever saw. Are you Scotch, Carsty?
CARSTC Er... half Scotch.

MOL: What's the other half, Mrs. Carstairs? $x$
CARASH Soda, to be amusing. $V$ Canadian, to be truthful. Good day.
DOOR SLAM:
MOL: Music must be quite an inspiration to you, dearie. You were really working like mad while she was playing.
FIB: Yeah, but she threw me all off....I found myself making'
this derby hat into a tam o' shatter. (SLAP SLAP) BUT... IT'S ALMOST FINISHED. . . . AHHHH. . . (LOUD SLAP) THERE! IT'S DONE:

FIB: (TO HIMSELF) This is a fine state of how do you do... F How do you do.
MOL: How do you do. (DOOR CLOSE) OH: . .MRS. CARSTAIRS... DO COME IN, Mrs. Carstairs.
CARSTE Thank you.
FIB: Good day, Mrs. Carstairs. I trust you will forgive me, ladies, if I proceed with my work? One must create when one is in a creative mood, you know.

## (SLAP SLAP)

CARSA: OI course, Mr. MCGee... but who is that you are boxing with? MOL: He isn't boxing, Mrs. Carstairs. He's sculpturing a bust of himself.
CARSBC Oh. So sorry. I am a little nearsighted, you know. Interesting piece of work, Mr. McGee.
FIB: Thank you, my dear. Wont you sit down, and watch me work? CARST: Er..thank you, no. I am on my way to take my music lesson.

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MOL: Well, all I can say, dearie, is...THAT IS A PIECE OF SCULPTURE. And I'm so worn out from watching you slap it around, I'm going upstairs and lie down a while.


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FIB: (CALLS) OKAY, MOMMY! Ahhh, there goes a good kid. Does she try to discourage me when I take up a new career? No SIR. Does she threaten to get a new hubby when hubby gets a new hobiby? No SIR. Does she -
DOOR CHTME:
FIB: COME IN: :
DOOR OPEN: CLOSE:
(GIGGLES) Hi, mister.
Oh hello there, Toeny. Look, I haven't got time today to -
OH BOY! . . MUD PIES! GEE, THAT'S A BIG ONE, MISTER! CAN I PLAY TOO? HMM? CAN I; MISTER? HMM? CAN I? HMMP

FIB: (LAUGHS TOLERANILY) This, child, is not a mud pie. This is a prize-winning sculpture entitled....HOW'D YOU LIKE TO PICK UPA FAST DOLLAR, SIS?

Gee, that's a good name for it, Mister.
NO, NO,..LOOK... THE ART CONTEST CLOSES IN HALF AN HOUR... YOU DELIVER THIS TO THE JUDGES AND I'LL PAY YOU A BUCK.

TEE: How much you win if you get first prize, mister?
FIB: - A hundred dollars.
TEE: Hmmm. Che percent. You realize, mister, in a dourt of equity, the party of the first part, having contracted to deliver, as per agreement, certain stipulated services...

OKAY...TWO BUCKS:
It's a deal!

FIB: Now, get goln', sis.... I gotta get this entered before the .
MOL: Have you heard anything from the art exhibit yet, McGee? contest closes and --
TEE: Gee, what do I cover it with, Mister?
FIB: Let's see,... where's there some wrapping paper. ... Oh, FIB. No, but 1 ought to hear from 'em any minute that 1 got I kNow... right here in the hall clos -

TEE: NO, MISTER... NO NO... PLEASE ...
DOOR OPEN: CABINET EFFECT: BELL TINKLE ... (PAUSE)
FIB: I gotta straighten out thls closet one of these days... "GOOD, GOOD, GOOD"-
$\mathrm{ORCH}_{:}$


## APPLAUSE

MOL: Or at least an honorable mention.
FIB: - HONORABLE MENTION, MY CLAVICLE 1 TAKE FIRST PRIZE OR I TAKE NOTHINGI My gosh, if. yould seen some of the sculps they got down there -- WHY THEY GOT ONE OF A GUY WITH WINGS GROWIN' OUT OF HIS HEELS
MOL: That's Mercury, dearie.
FIB: Well, Illl bet he dropped ten degrees when MY sculpture came in. The minute the Judges see my Self Portrait of a Common -
DOOR CHIME:


DOOR OPEN: CLOSE:
MOL: Oh my goodness...hello, Mr. Mayor.
FIB: OH, HIYAH, LA TRIVIA.
GALE: Good day, Molly. Hello, MeGec. What's this I hear about you entering a sculpture competition.
MOL: He has indeed, your honor. Hels got a fifty-fifty chance of winning first prize, too. They efther say NO, or they say YES.
GALE: We11, I do hope you win, McGec. Then perhaps you would make a small donation to a new civic project of mine.
MOL: What project is that, Mr. Mayor?

GA2: We are considering building a bridle path thru the outskirts of town. There has been considerable --
FIB: A BRIDLE PATH: WHAT DO THEY NEED A PATH FOR? EVERY BRIDE I EVER KNEW OF TOOK A CAB FROM THE CHURCH RIGHT TO THE AIRPORT OR THE RAILROAD STATION.
GAIE: I was speaking of a bridal path for equestrians, MoGee. MOL: Equestrians or Episcopalians, the principle is the same; Mr. Mayor. No bride wants to walk around the outskirts of town after --
GA:E I DIDNT SAY ANYTHING ABOUT A BRIDE WALKING. I MERELY SAID --
FIB: Now just a darn minute there, La Trivia. I realize you're. a politician and you gotta get votes, but by George, if you're gonna build special paths for newlyweds, and let us old married couples tramp along the hard pavements GALE: NEWLYWEDS HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH IT, I TELL YOU. BUT WHEN CITIZENS WHO KEEP HORSES COME TO ME AND --
MOL: DOn't change the subject, Mr. Mayor.
GALE: I WAS NOT CHANGING THE SUBJECT. I WAS TRYING TO TEEL YOU THAT A BRIDLE PATH FOR HORSEBACK RIDERS WAS -AND HOW MANY PEOPLE GET MARRIED ON HORSEBACK. . ANSWER ME THAT: MAYBE SOMPBODY TRYIN' TO GET THEIR PICTURE IN THE PAPER, BUT -
MOL: : But that hardly justifies the expense of building a special path for them.
GALE: NOBODY INTENDS TO BUILD A SPECIAL PATH FOR NENLY-HORSES. I IUEAN HORSE BRIDE BACKRRS. . . .ER. . . EQUESIR. . .IOOK! Did you ever own a horse, MoGee?

FIB: Had me a Shetland pony when 1 was a kid, La Trivia. Her name was Favor. Used to get up early every morning and curry favor s.o my father would -
GALE: WHERE DID YOU RIDE THIS PONY?
MOL: He rode it where everybody rides a pony. Halfway between his neck and his tail.
GALE:.. THAT ISN!T WHAT I.....IF YOU HAD A... LISTEN: - SUPPOSE THIS PONY WAS IN THE CITY. (PLEADINGLY) WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO HAVE A SPECIAL ROAD WHERE IT WAS SAFE TO RIDE OUT OF THE TRAFFIC?
FIB: Certainly. What's that got to do with getting married?
GA:E IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH GETTING MARRIED\& YOU STARTED THIS MARRIAGE BUSINESS. .NOT I.
MOL: WE DID NOT START ITI PEOPLE HAVE BEEN GETTIYG MARRIED FOR A THOUSAND YEARS.
FIB: AND THEY DON'T HAVE TO HAVE A SPECIAL PATH TO WALK HOME ON AFTER THEY DO IT, EITHER. AND 1 THINK THAT ANYBODY WHO'-(IN A FURY) WILL YOU LISTEN TO ME? I MERELY STATED THAT THIS CITY WAS BUILDING A BRIDLE HORSE.... ER... .A PATH FOR NEWLYBACKS. I MEAN, WHEN A MAN WANTS TO TAKE A BRIDE... ER...A HORSEBACK... (PAUSE) McGec.
FIB:
Yeah?
GALE: May I say Just two words?
MOL: Certainly, Mr. Mayor.
GALE: Thant GOOD DAY 1
DOOR SLAM. LOUD
FIB: You know, Molly...I sometimes think he deliberately gets me into those arguments.

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MOL: Just the same, MGGee, building a special path for brides was kind of a sweet thought. Very romantic. With rosebushes along the sides....a bridal path might be a very lovely thing.

FIB: Yeah..and first thing you know people would start usin' it for horscback riding. It aintt practical. BUT... La Trivia is kind of a dreamer and ...

DOOR CHINE:
FIB: HOT DOG...THERE'S MY, HUNDRED BUCKS...COME IN, COME IN, COME IN:

## DOOR OPEN:

TEE: Hi, mister. Hi, Miz McGee.
FIB: HIYAH, SIS!
MOL: Hello, little girl.
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FIB: WELL, DID YOU BRING IT, SIS? DID YOU BRING MY PRIZE MONEY? WHERE IS IT, SIS. HURRY UP!
MOL: Relax, MicGee...maybe you didn't winfirst prize...let's face it!

FIB: OF COURSE I WONI THAT WAS THE FINEST PIECE OF SCULPTURE I EVER DID. IT HAD TO BE IT WAS THE ONLY ONE I EVER DID. COME ON SIS...DIDN'T THEY GIVE YOU AN ENVELOPE FOR ME? TEE: Sure they did, I betcha. Here it is, mister.
FIB: Thanks, sis. Here's your two bucks. Open the envelope, Molly. See if they sent cash or a check.
MOL: (TEARING ENVELOPE) You've got the most sublime self confidence, McGec, that - WELL HEAVENLY DAYS' FOR ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS

FIB:/ Well, natch.


LADIES AND GENTLENEN. . AC WHR AMMOUNGED AT THE-BEGININIVG OR
 CANADA'S NINTH VICTORY LOAN. THE OBJECTIVES OF THIS LOAN ARE THE OBJECTIVES OF ALL OF US ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BORDER. MOL: BUYING VICTORY BONDS MEANS THAT YOU SIGN YOUR NAME TO VICTORY $\therefore$. THAT YOU SUBSCRIBE NOT ONLY YOUR MONEY FOR THE RETURN AND REHABILITATION OF OUR FIGHTING NEN...BUT THAT YOU SUBSCRIBE TO THE PRINCIPLES FOR WHICH THEY FOUGHT. THE RIGHT OF LIVING IN PEACE. . .WITH A FUTURE SECURITY FOR YOURSELVES AND YOUR FAMILIES
FIB: SO INVEST IN VICTORY BONDS TODAY...TO THE VERY LIMIT OF YOUR ABILITY.
MOL: PEACE WITH SECURITY IS EXPENSIVE - BUT ITIS THE BIGGEST BARGAIN EVER OFFEREDI
FIB: GOODNIGHT.
MOL: GOODNIGHT ALLI

## PLAYOFF AND SIGNOFF:

WILCOX: This is Harlow Wilcox speaking for the makers of Johnson's Wax Products for home and industry, and inviting you to be with us again next Tuesday night. Goodnight.
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